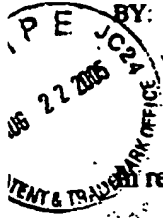


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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST

FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In further response to the Office Action dated 19 May 2005, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Please do not enter either the Amendment After Final mailed June 3, 2005 or the Second Amendment After Final mailed July 25, 2005. Please amend the application as follows: